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of Transportation

**Pipeline and  
Hazardous Materials Safety  
Administration**

400 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

MAR 18 2005

Mr. Craig Strehl  
President  
Richardson Fuels Inc.  
201 Main Street, Suite 3000  
Ft. Worth, Texas 76102

Re: CPF No. 4-2004-5001

Dear Mr. Strehl:

Enclosed is the Final Order issued by the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety in the above-referenced case. It makes a finding of violation and finds that you have completed the actions specified in the Notice to comply with the pipeline safety regulations. This case is now closed. Your receipt of the Final Order constitutes service of that document under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Sincerely,

James Reynolds  
Pipeline Compliance Registry  
Office of Pipeline Safety

Enclosure

cc: Rod Seeley, Region Director  
Southwest Region, OPS

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION  
OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY  
WASHINGTON, DC 20590

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In the Matter of )  
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Richardson Fuels Inc., )

CPF No. 4-2004-5001

Respondent )  
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FINAL ORDER

On September 22-26, 2003, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60117, a representative of the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) conducted an on-site pipeline safety inspection of Respondent's facilities and records in Kermit, Texas. As a result of the inspection, the Director, Southwest Region, OPS, issued to Respondent, by letter dated February 10, 2004, a Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Compliance Order (Notice). In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.207, the Notice proposed finding that Respondent had violated 49 C.F.R. § 195.402(c) and proposed that Respondent take certain measures to correct the alleged violation.

Respondent responded to the Notice by letter dated February 20, 2004 (Response). Respondent did not contest the allegation of violation and provided information concerning the corrective action it has taken. Respondent did not request a hearing, and therefore has waived its right to one.

FINDING OF VIOLATION

In its Response, Respondent did not contest the violation alleged in the Notice. Accordingly, I find that Respondent violated the following section of 49 C.F.R. Part 195, as more fully described in the Notice:

49 C.F.R. § 195.402(c) – failing to have procedures for the safe operation of pig launchers and receivers.

This finding of violation will be considered a prior offense in any subsequent enforcement action taken against Respondent.

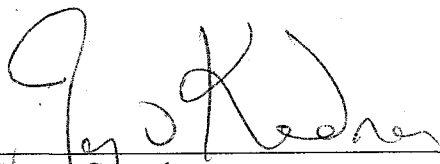
COMPLIANCE ORDER

The Notice proposed a compliance order for the violation of § 195.402(c). Under 49 U.S.C. § 60118(a), each person who engages in the transportation of hazardous liquids or who owns or operates a pipeline facility is required to comply with the applicable safety standards established under Chapter 601. The Director, Southwest Region, OPS has indicated that Respondent has taken the following actions specified in the Proposed Compliance Order:

Respondent has updated its written procedures to incorporate adequate procedures for the safe operation of its pig launchers and receivers.

Accordingly, since compliance has been achieved with respect to this violation, it is not necessary to include the compliance terms in this Order.

The terms and conditions of this Final Order are effective on receipt.

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Stacey Gerard  
Associate Administrator  
for Pipeline Safety

MAR 18 2005

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Date Issued